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Tuesday Night, January..... 5


## GAVE BANQUET TO FOREMEN.

### Foremen of Pittsburg Steel Mill Sumptuously Entertained by Supt. Geo Nash.

Last evening at his residence on McKee avenue, George Nash, superintendent of the Pittsburg Steel mill, tendered a banquet to the foremen of the mill, which was one of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season. Covers were laid for thirty and there were several interesting and entertaining toasts given. Mr. Nash himself proved to be very entertaining, by the jokes and stories that passed from his lips during the entire evening.

The home was beautifully decorated with holiday scenery, presenting a most inviting appearance. On New Years eve of each year Mr. Nash tenders the foremen such an affair, but as this year New Years eve came on Sunday, he postponed the banquet until last evening.

The main purpose of this yearly affair is to keep the workings of his foremen in close connection with each other, at the same time more closely connecting every employe of the mill.

### ATTENDED FIREMEN'S BALL.

#### Twenty-five Local Firemen Turned out in Full Uniform at Donora Last Evening.

In response to an invitation received by the local Volunteer Fire Department, twenty-five of our boys in full uniform attended the New Years Ball given by the Donora Fire department at that place last night. The local boys left here on the 6 o'clock train and received a cordial welcome upon arriving in Donora. They were escorted to the firemen's hall where the evening was spent in dancing until a late hour, when they all partook of a grand supper, plates having been laid for about 75. After the supper they left the hall, returning home on the 12:48 train this morning. The Monessen Volunteer Fire Department wish to thank the Donora boys for the social manner in which they were entertained.

### The Voting Contest

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| Melzie Sibbit | 3197 |
| Stella Doney | 2378 |
| Miss Coleman | 2297 |
| Hallie Feightner | 1756 |

The contest will close Jan. 13, 1906, at 7:30 p. m., the results to be made known from the opera house stage during the play "What Happened to Jones." Don't forget the time and date, let us have your votes as early as possible. Remember the prizes are:

1st prize—1 $50 Standard Grand Sewing machine.

2nd—1 Ladies Watch, $25.00.

3rd—1 Ladies umbrella, value $15.00

4th—1 Ladies bracelet, valve $5.00.

### $100 Reward.

The local Bartenders League No. 275 offer a reward of $100 to the party or parties who can give any information whatever that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who entered their rooms at Eighth and Donner and stole from the desk their ritual, seal and valuable books and papers.

JAMES MC SHANE, Sec.

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## INTERESTING NEWS

### Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Toilet articles—we are leaders—Lights

Bert Alexander visited friends in Donora Sunday.

Knocks coughs—White Pine compound—Light's.

James Bevins was in Pittsburg yesterday on a business errand.

Prescriptions—take them to Light Light's Drug store.

Samuel Meyers spent Sunday and Monday in Pittsburg calling on friends.

**Kirk Says**—Why cough when Laxative Keytone will cure it. tf

Tickets are now on sale at White's book store for the Al G. Field's minstrel show.

Ralph Frye has returned home from a few weeks' visit with his grandparents at Boquet, Pa.

**Kirk Says**—Our tooth brushes are bristling with good points. Replaced if the bristles drop out. tf

D. A. Miller will move his paper store from Donner avenue to Fourth and Schoonmaker.

A dainty face cream that makes dainty faces is Kirk's Carnation cream, 25c a bottle. tf

Jacob Janovitz and Lionel Niman were Sunday callers with friends and relatives in Pittsburg.

Jack Hepple returned Sunday from Warren, Ohio, where he visited his parents since Christmas.

Mrs. Annie Tucker has returned to Monessen after an extended visit with friends in Cleveland, Ohio.

Walter Bumbaugh returned yesterday from McKeesport where he spent Sunday with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davison have returned from a week's visit with Mrs. Davison's parents in Allegheny.

**Dr. Barben, Dentist**—Your teeth are priceless, you'll realize this when they're gone, call 53 L and make engagement. tf

Mrs. W. H. Wagner returned yesterday from Beaver Falls, where she visited friends and relatives during the past week.

For bowling the highest score, 276, during the month of December, August Pancook won the $2.50 in gold at the Capitol.

Miss Gertrude Yarlett returned today to her home in Braddock, after spending a two weeks' vacation with friends in town.

James Russel who is employed as roll turner in the Clairton Steel mill, was here over Sunday with his wife and family.

Samuel Wagner left today to resume his work at the Braddock High school after spending Christmas and New Years here with his parents.

Miss Winifred Wagner left today for Beaver, Pa., to complete her musical course, after spending a two weeks vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Major of Fayette City, were in town over Sunday visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sherwin in Essen Grove.

Miss Emma Morgan has returned to Monessen to resume her work at the High school, after a few days visit with friends and relatives at Youngstown, O.

James Schumm has returned from a few weeks' visit with friends at Lock No. 3. When James left he took with him one of Eastman's folding pocket cameras, and returned with several very interesting pictures.

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### Ready for Business.

M. W. Cheesebrough the blacksmith is now ready for business. 2t

## BRIDGE MUST BE BUILT

### But it is Now Up to the New Commissioners to Provide Funds to Carry on Work.

The matter of letting the contract for the Donora-Webster bridge will have to be settled by the present boards of county commissioners of Washington and Westmoreland counties. On Friday last the old boards had a joint session in the Monongahela House, Pittsburg, but could not agree, and adjourned to leave the matter for the new boards to handle. This will be one of the first matters that the new commissioners will take up and it is likely that provisions will be made in the new tax levy for funds with which to carry on the work.

The court has given the old commissioners the right to let the contract which has been duly signed, but when this unnecessary muddle is cooled down and the work begun on the bridge no one can say. In a letter from Congressman Ernest F. Atchison he states that while he gives Charleroi a gold brick in the government postoffice, he also gives Donora and Webster a gold brick in the way of the bridge.

### CAR JUMPED THE TRACK.

#### Fifty Passengers on Board, all of Whom were Badly Shocked.

Street car No. 101 of the local trolley line, jumped the track at Eighth street ferry about 6 o'clock last evening, giving the fifty passengers on board a severe shaking up. At this place along the line the rails are not in good shape and this with Motorman W. J. Palmer losing control coming down the grade leading from the Rostraver mine caused the accident. Lucky it was when the car jumped the track it went down the hill, for had it gone the other direction, the car and 50 passengers would have gone over the embankment and down onto the P. & L. E. railroad tracks. It was Conductor A. A. Rogers' first trip and although he cannot be blamed for the accident, he feels a little uneasy.

### Attention Christians.

The members and friends of the Christian church are urged to attend the services which are being held in the church this week, and all others who may wish to do so are cordially invited. Meetings begin promptly at 7:45 p. m. and last one hour. Let us have a good rally of our forces in this city and get ready for an active and aggressive campaign for Christ.

JAMES B. SMITH, pastor.

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Wanted—9,000 people in Monessen to patronize the Pittsburg messenger, J. W. Neth. tf

WANTED—Position by young English speaking girl, address box 115, Monessen, Pa. 3t

WANTED—A girl to learn to set type. Apply at once at The Daily Independent office.

## WEBSTER NOTES.

Harry Overand was in from the country yesterday, making some social calls.

Mrs. Frank McMahan and daughter Mary of Monessen visited relatives in town Sunday.

A number of Webster young men, accompanied by their sweethearts attended the opera in Monessen last evening.

Miss Kate Lange and sister resumed their duties at the Monessen public schools this morning, after a two weeks vacation.

Clarence Lewis of Finleyville returned to his home yesterday, after spending Saturday and Sunday at the home of Robt. L. McMahon.

Miss Nora Gillingham left yesterday on the 2:10 train for Monessen where she attended the matinee "The Real Widow Brown," returning home on the 6 train.

Mrs. G. H. Hugus and daughters, Margaret and Louise left yesterday for their home in Greensburg, after a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Hugus's mother, Mrs. Louis Shepler.

At the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Graham about one mile from town, Miss Daisy Beryle Graham and Mr. Orris Waltz were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Only the immediate friends and relatives witnessed the quiet ceremony which was performed by Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor of the Christian church at Monessen. After the marriage vows were taken, a grand supper was partaken of. Miss Graham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham who is one of the wealthiest farmers in Rostraver township, and very popular in social life. The newly wedded couple will at once go to housekeeping in Donora, where the groom is employed as a contract brick-layer. They have the good wishes of a large circle of friends in this locality.

### BIRTHPLACE OF MASSAGE.

#### Queer Nubia, Where the Inhabitants Never Take a Bath.

The masseur had just returned from Nubia, the birthplace of massage.

"I didn't learn as much as I expected to," he said, "but I got hold of two movements that will eradicate wrinkles and remove fat in an incredible way.

"Nubia is a queer place. They have so little water there that they never take baths. The 'lai-seh,' or kneading, which our word 'massage' is the best substitute I can find, he down and are covered from head to foot with a cream made of mutton fat, musk, sandalwood powder and certain plant juices. Then you are kneaded, you are massaged. I studied the Nubian movements thoroughly and learned, as I say, good things.

"The Nubians are a handsome and queer race. They hunt elephants with the sword. A hunter steals upon a feeding elephant and slashes him in the back of the leg ten inches above the hoof. This cut severs the artery, and the elephant bleeds to death.

"They cook meat on hot stones. First they build a fire, then they put the stones on it, and when the stones are hot enough they clean them of ashes and embers carefully and throw on the meat. This is a better way of cooking than the broil, for it preserves all the meat juices. But greenhorns don't know what kind of stones to use. Most kinds heated explode.

"The Nubians are shapely and handsome. They never wrinkle, they never get fat, their skins are smooth and fine. They impute these graces to the 'masseh'—the massage—that they take regularly three or four times a week. Every masseur ought to go to Nubia if he wants to learn his business thoroughly."

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### The Dog and His Master.

Men and women are very much like clocks. Some are always on time, some are never on time, some are always in order, some are never in order. And, while you may be able to tell something of a family by its timepiece, you can tell more by the nature of the dog that greets you at the gate. A dog grows up after the fashion of its master or its mistress; a kind gentleman will not have an ugly brute on his place.—Exchange.

### Less Than Cost.

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### A Faithful Servant.

One night Prince Talleyrand was suddenly awakened by the firing of a pistol, and, seeing his valet walking about the room, he asked him what he was doing.

"There was a mouse in the room, your highness, and for fear it might disturb you I shot it."

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### The Lord's Prayer.

The question having arisen as to whether the English version of the Lord's Prayer is a true reproduction of the original as found in Matthew, a native Greek scholar proceeds to answer it. He deals with the petitions in order, translates each word with all the shades of meaning of the original and then presents the whole in this form:

"Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name—thy dominion come—thy (fixed) purpose be done, as in heaven, so, too, on earth. Give us this day our mere (or simple) bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors theirs, and let us not fall into a tempter's snare, but deliver us from the evil one."

### Very Lively.

A London paper relates that a crowd of sightseers scurrying across the road from the Strand caused a partial block in the traffic. The lagging of a particularly pompous old gentleman roused the ire of a held up cabby. "Now, then, hurry up there, can't yer?" he shouted.

"Am I not hurrying, cabman?" was the mild expostulation.

"'Urryin'?" snorted cabby, with a flick of his whip. "You're a-jumpin' about like a bit o' stickin' plaster!"

### A Diplomatic Answer.

Admiral Drake when a lad at the beginning of his first engagement was observed to shake and tremble very much and, being rallied upon it, observed with a presence of mind, or, at all events, of humor, in which even Nelson was lacking, "My flesh trembles at the anticipation of the many and great dangers into which my resolute and undaunted head will lead me."

### First Treaty of Portsmouth.

The first treaty of Portsmouth, N. H., was signed July 11, 1713, the contracting parties being belligerent Indians and the whites. The news of the treaty of Utrecht, which ended Queen Anne's war, reached the city Oct. 29, 1712. The Indians desired a treaty, and it was formally signed on the above date.

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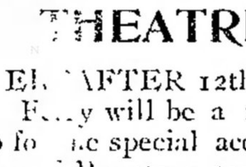

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## The Reformist

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Just when Mr. Nickelby became a reformist he could not fix by exact date. He had always had a fellow feeling for his fellow men and had always wished them to walk in straight paths, but he had arrived at middle age before this feeling began to lie heavily on his mind. When he started out in the reforming business there were people who called it a fad and referred to him as daffy, but no matter how good the cause there are people who will always speak ill of it.

Nickelby's family went to the country, and he occupied the house o' nights. One night at midnight he was awakened from his sound sleep by a hand being laid on his shoulder. He opened his eyes to see a stranger hovering over him.

"Mr. Nickelby," said the man, "I am a burglar. I have called to talk with you. I have taken the liberty of preparing a little lunch downstairs, and I should like to have you join me."

"This seems to be a gigantic piece of cheek," replied the reformist as he got slowly out of bed. "If I'd had one minute's notice I'd have been ready to send a bullet into you!"

"That's human inconsistency. For years you have been wanting to have a free, frank chat with a burglar and convince him of the error of his ways and bring about a reformation. I come at last, and you are sorry that you did not meet me with a bullet."

"But you have broken into my house!"

"But that is a part of my business. Having broken into your house as I have you cannot doubt that I am what I claim to be. Let us now go down to the lunch."

Mr. Nickelby didn't like it at all. He wanted all burglars to reform, but he wanted it done by programme. The lunch didn't amount to much. Aside from four ham sandwiches brought in by the burglar himself there were a bottle of wine taken from the cellar and a supply of cigars. The burglar motioned his host to a seat at the head of the table, passed him a sandwich and a glass of wine and then courteously said:

"Now go ahead and ask me any questions you will. It will be the first time I have ever submitted to an interview."

"This house is defended by a burglar alarm, and I don't see how you entered it," replied the reformist, who couldn't get over his feelings in the matter.

"Easy as pie, my dear sir. I had only to cut the wire outside the house. Do you wish to know why I became a burglar?"

"You can state the case if you wish, but tomorrow I'll raise hob with the police for not spotting you off before you got in here."

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"You'd get at least five years if arrested for breaking in here," sulkily replied the reformist.

"Not a doubt of it, but I shan't be arrested. If I promise to mend my ways can you get me a job of driving an ice wagon at $9 per week?"

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# Christmas Greens

## A Christmas Story

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"Christmas without greens! Impossible! There surely must be some of a sort in this big farming world," Leona said almost tragically.

Her cousin and host, Amos Baker, shook his head.

"None nearer than Sinking Fork," he said. "That's twelve miles off and the chances against finding anything even there—the hills are so low and the valley hardly worth the name."

"You must take me to the head waters. I know I shall find what I want there," Leona said imperiously. "Get out the wagonette at once! No matter if Christmas is ten days off, I know a way to keep greens fresh."

"Won't you say please?" Amos asked banteringly as he went toward the door. Leona ran after him with the prettiest face of contrition.

"Of course I will and 'thanky, sir,' and anything else in the world you ask," she said, laying her hand on his arm.

He smiled at her. "Suppose I should ask you to say 'Yes' to Norrie Cordon. I've a great mind to do it. If Norrie is my brother-in-law, he's worth a dozen of that other fellow."

"H-m. You are sure there is another fellow?" Leona queried saucily, but with a pretty flush.

Amos looked supernaturally wise. "There must be," he said. "Candy three times a week and flowers and gimcracks till the carrier wishes rural free delivery had never been thought of—those are signs I've never yet known to fail."

"You should not peek. It's ungentlemanly, even in your private mail box," Leona said severely, pursing her lips.

Amos shook his head at her. "You shouldn't flirt," he said, "but today I'm bound to give you a chance. Norrie will go with you on this fern chase, because I'm bound to go somewhere else."

"How nice! Norrie is never saucy," Leona said, with a dimpling smile. It made her so enchanting that Norrie, just then coming through the door, lost his heart over again for at least the twentieth time. The losing gave him a fearful joy. He too, had read and interpreted the signs of the post, but as he climbed into the wagonette and sent the horses away at a slapping pace he put all thought of this unknown rival from him, resolved to enjoy at least one blissful day basking in the sunshine of Leona's smiles.

Presently the way bent at almost a right angle. Norrie reined in there and said, letting his free hand rest over Leona's clasped ones: "The fork is just ahead, but you'll find nothing there. I know. I hunt around it every fall. I wonder if you dare go down in the hills with me? There you can get loads of things—green cedar, cross vine, ferns and big green briers with leaves like wax. I know of a holly bush, too, and a clump of pines"—

"Why aren't you taking me to them?" Leona interrupted, her eyes dancing.

Norrie smiled back at her, but there was an anxious undernote in his voice as he answered, "Because they're a long way off, not too far for the horses, but so far we'd be in the night getting home."

"As if that mattered," Leona said scornfully, "when you know my heart is set on giving those dear babies such a Christmas as they never saw. Your sister Amy says I may do just what I please. I please to have a Christmas tree, with the whole house trimmed to match. Drive on—like the wind. Sancho and Sally will have a long rest while you are helping me hack and hew."

"Just as you say, ma'am," Norrie answered suspiciously meek. "But if I haul the tree home, to say nothing of cutting it down, I'm to have my choice of whatever is on it or under it. Is that a bargain?"

"It has to be, but I never thought you'd be such an extortioner," Leona said loftily, although her eyes twinkled. Then she fell silent, drinking in the joy of the sunshine, of the rapid whirl through the soft December day.

The landscape grew more barren, more broken; the fields were smaller, the farmhouses meaner and less thrifty. By and by the road ran down a steep ridge, only to climb an opposite one steeper still. The sun had begun to sink. Norrie looked up at it apprehensively, then sent the blacks faster. A mile farther on he stopped and sprang out, saying as he lifted Leona to her feet, "You'll want your supper before you get it, I reckon, but here we are."

Leona cried out in raptures. Before her stood a clump of pines. On beyond down the rocky slope lay matted armfuls of long, lacy fronds. The green briers also were in evidence. She caught up Amos' pruning shears and began to cut things right and left. She was so intent that she did not see Norrie slip away, but very shortly she looked up to see him dragging in a fine young holly full of scarlet berries. "The kids never saw anything like it," he said as he hoisted it into the wagonette and made it fast there. Then he fell to work, wrenching up ferns in armfuls and tearing down mats of brier. Leona looked at him with something of awe. He was so slight and light on his feet, she had never credited him with the thews and sinews of manhood. Insensibly she contrasted him with the other fellow, the city fellow, who could and would give her millions—millions which had almost tempted her to accept the man, albeit she knew she did not love him truly. If she had asked him to set his hand to hard things for her pleasure she could fancy his look of amazed disgust.

Still she could not whistle him down the wind. She was proud, ambitious, luxury loving, not the least bit suited to be a farmer's wife. And Norrie Gordon loved his land and his vocation too well ever to be anything but a farmer. With a sigh, she told herself she should no doubt end by taking Ennis Loring. Suppose he should accept her casual invitation and come down to Longly, the Baker place, for the holidays? How bare and cramped the life would appear to him—a life wherein the circus made the event of the year and going to church of Sundays was as much a diversion as a duty.

Something of all this floated nebulously through Leona's mind as she watched Norrie at his joyous obedience.

"The best branches are over on that far side," he said, flinging off his coat and scuffling out of his shoes. "We'll take just half a dozen. The tree won't miss 'em. I'd hate to leave it ragged. Somehow this clump seems to belong to me. I found it first when I was little more than a boy."

Almost before she knew it he stood among the branches, breaking and cutting slender stems. Leona ran to pick them up as they fell. "Stand back!" he called to her, at the same time reaching for an especially tempting bough. The wood of it was tough. It bent where he thought to break it, and, instead of snapping, it crushed into stringy fibers. Norrie had the impulse of mastery even over inanimate things. Forgetful that he was twenty-five feet in air, he gave the bough a jerk so energetic it made him lose his balance and come crashing earthward. But there were boughs lower down, and somehow he clutched one with his right arm, swung himself up to it and clambered back to the trunk. Coming down this, Leona saw him hitch himself along in a way wholly unlike his ascent. She did not know the reason until he stood by the wagonette, saying almost apologetically: "I reckon you'd better drive on the way home. My left arm hit that big limb when I fell and put itself out of business."

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Longly farm at Christmastide made the neighbors stare. Amy had insisted upon a party. It would never, never do to waste all Leona had brought to pass simply upon the family. Greens were everywhere—over doors and windows, in nooks and corners and up and down the broad stairway. The tree, too, was a vision with tapers gleaming through its coral wealth and all manner of tinsel ornaments sparkling amid its green leafage. The tinsel had come from the city. So had the other fellow.

Leona had been panic stricken at the outset. Now a sunny peace possessed her spirit. Since she had seen Norrie toppling against the evening sky—falling, it might be, to his death for his lady's whim—she had begun to question her own heart more closely than ever before. What answer had rewarded the questionings she did not tell. But Ennis Loring had found her more softly, more subtly fascinating than ever and was ready for her sake to keep terms with all the rural world. It amused him, of course, that the tree bore such wondrous fruitage. Trees were not Christmas commonplaces roundabout Longly, so all the people thereabout had sent their gifts to be piled at the tree's foot and thence distributed. After they were distributed there would be supper, then the dance. Norrie would have to be a looker on. His broken arm was not yet out of the sling.

Amos ought to have been Santa Claus, but had flatly refused. So Leona herself, made up into a startling Christmas fairy, with a black half mask and a pair of realistic wings, apportioned properly the Christmas tree's fruit, saying things that fitted most cases beautifully and so doubled the value of the presents. Nobody had been forgotten. Ennis Loring stood hugging a huge tin horn. Norrie's sound arm was fairly heaped with bulging parcels, topped with a toy automobile. Then the fairy lifted from the litter of moss and greenery at the tree's foot a huge pair of spectacles and clapped them upon her own eyes. "I am looking for—the person I belong to," she said clearly. Everybody held breath as she walked up to her two lovers, who by some chance stood side by side. For a breath she studied their faces intently, a beautiful flush showing below her half mask; then, with a little laughing cry she laid her hand upon Norrie's, saying very low, "This is what you get for finding me these Christmas greens."

### Good Story, Bad Copy.

The impression that only about 10 per cent of the manuscripts submitted to publishers ever see the light of print is, according to observations made by a former newspaper man and now manager for a big publishing house, erroneous. "There is a demand for good stories among publishers in New York that is hardly met by the product," says the manager. "Any manuscript, decently written and with any merit whatever, is bound to receive careful consideration. More than that, I have in mind a case in which the first consideration was not met, and yet the story was accepted and published. A California woman sent to a large house a 20,000 word story written on what appeared to be discarded curl papers. Yet so conscientious was the 'reader' that he waded through a great part of it under protest, and, behold, he found a gem! A poorly written story, no matter how good the plot or interesting the theme, has little show, but writers should not be discouraged by reports of harsh or indifferent treatment at the hands of publishers."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

## NELSON'S FIGHTING MEN.

### Had Few Pleasures and Faced Death With a Jest.

Of the "wooden walls of England," the great sailing ships in which Admiral Nelson won his victories, and of the men who worked them, a critic writes: "Though beautiful to behold and terrible to fight with, those old men-of-war were more often than not abodes of tyranny and wretchedness. The violence of the press gangs, which seized men of all ages and occupations, was but a prelude to the oppression that followed. Decent men were herded indiscriminately with ruffians, the rights of free born Englishmen were ruthlessly snatched from them—for them thenceforward there was no law save the will of the captain and the dread articles of war. Shore going leave was nonexistent, the food was atrocious and scanty, punishments were barbarous, and the only thing served out with any liberality was rum, on which the men got drunk and then were flogged for that offense at the gratings next morning.

"In Nelson's time the seaman had few pleasures save the prospect of a hot fight and his daily pint of rum. But to these must be added the vainglorious satisfaction he took in his clothes. When rigged out in his best he frequently wore rings in his ears and silver buckles on his low shoes, his short blue jacket would be decorated with gold buttons and colored ribbons sewed down the seams to give an additional gayety, his waistcoat might be red or canary, and a black silk handkerchief would be knotted loosely round his throat. As the finishing touch his hair would be hanging in a cue down his back. The broad collars were first worn as a protection against the grease and pomatum used in dressing the pigtail.

"But all these fripperies were discarded when the guns were cast loose from their lashings and the linstocks were lighted. It was the custom of the men when going into action to strip to the waist. They took their black silk handkerchiefs and bound them very tightly round their heads over their ears, so that the roar of the guns might not deafen them for life. It was remarked that men going into action always wore a sullen frown, however merry they were in their talk.

"Methods followed in that day were curiously primitive and toilsome, but the results were undoubtedly satisfactory save to the nameless and numberless sailors who met grim death on the black and blood stained decks or in the dark horror of the cockpit. That those hardy and careless men often faced death or disablement with a jest or a cheer only renders their unconscious heroism the more impressive."—Chicago News.

### Four Good Reasons.

An amusing incident happened the other day at a club which had hospitably thrown open its doors to two other clubs. A certain well known officer in the brigade of guards was guilty of the offense of smoking in the morning room. As a matter of fact, he was under the impression that it was the smoking room. A brother officer told him of his mistake. He went up to the only other occupant of the room, an old gentleman dozing in a corner, and apologized for having inadvertently broken one of the rules of the club. The old gentleman replied, without haste, as follows: "My dear sir, pray do not apologize. In the first place, I am sure you would not have smoked had you known that it was prohibited; in the second, I should be the last person to blame you if you had done so; in the third, I am not a member of the club, and in the fourth, I have just been smoking myself."—London Globe.

### The Empire of Dollars.

Wall street is the capital of the empire of dollars. Like all other capitals, it has its intrigues, its favorites, its duels, its cabals and its camarillas, and, like all other capitals, it gives its color to those who spend their lives there. It has even a sort of patriotism—"wolf honor"—which brings its citizens together at times in defense of the dollar and of property rights. The empire of dollars is not altogether a noble spectacle. We are not thrilled at the mere thought of those Venice bankers who "financed" the crusaders. We do not like to think of those Wall street manipulators who tried to corner the gold supply during our civil war, when the nation needed gold.—Samuel Merwin in Success Magazine.

### Time For a Change.

What shall we do with our parents? There is my father ruining himself and me by his willful ignorance and my mother ruining us by her extravagances. It is a great development of the times that the ordinary child who is past twenty is altogether better educated, more experienced and wiser than are his parents! It has occurred to me to suggest that after the eldest child reaches twenty the parents should therefore come under the control of the children.—Letter in London Graphic.

### Belgium Shrimp Fishers.

Horses play an important part in shrimp fishing along the Belgian coast. A procession of weather beaten fishermen starts from the shore, each man mounted upon the back of a trained horse, dragging the triangular purse shaped net which scoops in the shrimp as it passes over the sands. These fishermen on horseback frequently make hauls of several hundredweight in a single trip.

"David Harum," the novel written by the late Edward Noyes Westcott, netted the author's estate about $125,000, according to a statement made in the surrogate's court, Syracuse, N. Y.

### A Lack of Competition.

The old man was narrating his experiences at county fairs. "You never had much to do with managing them perhaps," he said. "Well, I have had a great deal. It takes a lot of head work, I can tell you, to think up popular features outside of the big steers, the fat hogs, the mammoth squashes, the poultry, the preserves, the lace tidies and the agricultural horse trots to draw the crowd.

"I remember one year," he proceeded, "when we got everybody's interest excited by announcing a prize of a gold headed cane for the homeliest man in the county and a silk dress pattern for the homeliest woman. After a spirited competition the cane was awarded to Colonel Van Dessup, the landlord of the Van Dessup Hotel."

"Yes, I know him," interrupted one of the listeners "and I've seen the cane. Who got the silk dress for being the homeliest woman?"

"Nobody. There weren't any entries."

### Salt Water Falls.

There are a good many salt cataracts in existence. They may be found in Norway, southern Chile and British Columbia, where narrow fiords, or arms of the sea, are obstructed by barriers of rock. The rising tide flows over and filters through such reefs into the great natural reservoirs beyond, but the water is held back at the ebb until it breaks over the obstruction in an irresistible torrent. Most curious of all is the waterfall at Canoe passage, where the island of Vancouver approaches the British Columbia mainland. Here the flood tide from the gulf of Georgia, to the southward, is dammed back at a narrow cleft between two islands until it pours over in a boiling cascade eighteen feet high, with perhaps double the volume of the Rhine. At the turn of the tide, however, the waters from the north rush back into the gulf, producing a cascade of equal height and volume. This salt water fall actually flows both ways.

### The Cattle Shooting Habit.

The irate farmer who orders the city sportsman off his "lands" is always incomprehensible to the man with the gun. His stories of damage to his cattle are unbelieved, but there seems to be some reason for the rural objection to city gunners. "To know how widespread the cattle shooting habit is," said a government meat inspector, "one should take up a position beside an inspector at a packing house and note how many cattle are flayed revealing a charge of bird shot in their bodies. Some are peppered on one side only, others on both sides. I don't know whether the cases are all accidental or whether the hunters shoot the cattle full of bird shot just for fun, but mighty few, either native or range cattle, reach the packing houses without carrying souvenirs of some glorious hunting trip."

### A Malicious Will.

Persons wishing to register in their last wills and testaments their feelings regarding their natural heirs may take as a model the following crisp effort of an Englishman, William Hall: "I give to that vile wretch, Samuel Hall, who I admitted of the temple many years since, but he sold his gown, and in seven years I could never get him to church but once, and twice he assaulted me, and at the time he had certainly killed me if by God's providence I had not by a maidservant been thrown against a great fire, the sum of 10 shillings, to be paid him every Monday upon request, and I wish that the first food he takes after my death will choke him."

### Lincoln's Integrity.

No man ever believed in his calling more thoroughly than Lincoln, and he had no patience with the much mouthed charge that honesty was not compatible with its practice.

"Let no young man choosing the law for a calling yield to that popular belief," he wrote. "Resolve to be honest, at all events. If, in your judgment, you cannot be an honest lawyer, resolve to be honest without being a lawyer. Choose some other occupation rather than one in the choosing of which you do, in advance, consent to be a knave."—Frederick Trevor Hill in Century.

### Pencilling on Zinc.

An ordinary pencil mark on zinc is in a measure indelible. The writer saw recently a zinc label on which a name had been written with an ordinary lead pencil thirty years ago, and after a little of the oxide had been rubbed off the name was as legible as if it was just written. For permanency, where no illegibility is desired, nothing can be more durable.—Exchange.

### Logically Demonstrated.

She—I can prove logically and mathematically that women are worth more than men. He—I'd like to see you do it, my dear. She—Isn't a miss as good as a mile? He—So they say. She—And doesn't it take a whole lot of men to make a league?—Baltimore American.

### Little Difference.

"Really," said the X ray operator to the surgeon, "there is only a grammatical distinction between our professions."

"Do you think so?" said the surgeon.

"Certainly. I see bones, and you saw bones."—Bystander.

### The Modern Way.

Villain—If I should kiss you, I suppose you'd go and tell your mother. Modern Shepherdess—No; I should go and tell my lawyer.—New Yorker.

### Prescription by a Rival.

Florence—I should like to do something that would make him miserable for life. Mabel—Then why don't you marry him?


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